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GREEN AND GOLD BALL MARCH 15

The outstanding event of the social season, the annual Green and Gold ball, will take place in the ballroom of the Scottish Rite Auditorium on the shores of Lake Merritt March 15. This is the most spacious and most beautiful ballroom in the bay area. An outstanding feature of the evening will be the selection and coronation of the queen. She will be selected from the ward queens who will greet the guests in the lobby upon their arrival. Each person attending will be entitled to vote, but the vote will be mathematically apportioned so that the smaller wards will not be laboring under a handicap. The crowning of the queen will be a pageant in and of itself, with a special dance for the queen and her attendants and escorts. Following this will be a demonstration of the new Green and Gold dance, the "Senorita Mia Tango." An offering at the door of \$1.00 per couple will be accepted, the proceeds to pay the expense of the evening.

Ward queens who have been selected up to the time THE MESSENGER goes to press are Alma Deane Erickson of Berkeley; Ethel Yean of Claremont; Joy Rogers of Dimond; Catherine Hopkins of Richmond; and Lillian Mellor of Pittsburg.

APRIL CONFERENCE RATES ON RAILROADS

Both the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific railroads have announced an attractive rate to April conference in Salt Lake City, which will be held April 5, 6 and 7. The rate from Oakland to Salt Lake City and return over either road is \$16.35, coach; tourist \$18.35, and first class \$25.00. Sale dates are March 31 to April 3, inclusive and the return limit is 20 days from date of sale. Persons travelling tourist or first class will have to pay extra for berths.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD TROPHY

Elder Don Wood, chairman of the Aaronic Priesthood committee, is displaying a beautiful silver trophy, the gift of Messrs. Klaas & Mehrkens, jewelers, which will be awarded to that quorum in the Stake which has amassed the greatest number of points in the first six months of the year. The points are to be earned by the individual members of the quorum. These will be awarded for attendance at the various meetings, including sacrament and auxiliary meetings. Attendance, to count, must be for a full meeting; one who stays for only part of it cannot receive credit. Points will be awarded for participation, such as in passing of the sacrament, ushering, ward teaching, collecting fast offerings, bringing in new or delinquent members, visiting of the sick, speaking, praying, singing, playing a musical instrument, scriptural reading, story telling, etc., in general assembly. In July there will be a big Stake outing at which the trophy will be awarded. The name of the winning quorum will be engraved on the trophy by the donors.

THE LUND JOHNSONS FINISH THE OLD YEAR RIGHT

New Year's eve witnessed the arrival at the Lund Johnson home of a baby daughter, Judith, but the stork neglected to tell THE MESSENGER of the event. We apologize for being late and will try to establish a better line of communication with storkland.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SEES CHANGES

Regular quarterly conference convened for Oakland Stake with a priesthood meeting Saturday evening, February 24. Elder Richard R. Lyman of the Council of Twelve was in attendance. The conference witnessed the creation of a new ward, two new quorums of elders, a change in the presidency of the Stake mission, a new high councilman, and the reorganization of Elmhurst ward bishopric.

In opening the priesthood session President Hilton briefly reviewed the growth of the Stake. In the five years since its organization it has grown to embrace 4846 people, just 25 short of what the old San Francisco Stake included at the time of division. There are now 463 elders in the Stake and in order to more efficiently organize them two new quorums, to be known as the fifth and sixth, were announced. Elder Herbert F. Layton was sustained as president of the new fifth quorum, with Elders Stanley Dallin and Delbert J. Lee as his counselors. The presidency of the sixth quorum will be selected later. Under the new organization, the elders of Oakland ward will belong in the first quorum; those in Elmhurst in the second; those in Berkeley in the third; those in Dimond in the fourth; those in Richmond, Claremont and Alameda in the fifth; and those in Martinez, Napa, Vallejo and Pittsburg in the sixth.

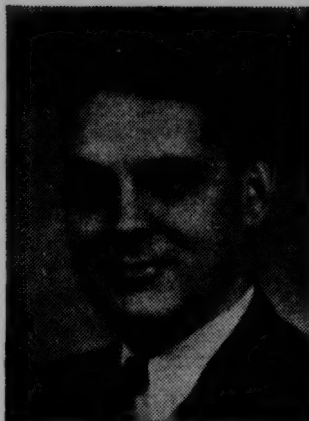
Elder Don C. Wood, chairman of the Aaronic priesthood committee, displayed the beautiful trophy, a gift from Klaas & Mehrkens, jewelers of Oakland, which is to be awarded to that quorum making the best record. The Aaronic priesthood were addressed briefly by Elder Lyman and then, in their separate meeting, were addressed by Elder David W. Cummings.

Elder Lyman's message to the Melchizedek priesthood might be summed up in the admonition, "Make a record. It is not what we eat which gives us physical strength, but what we digest; it is not what we read that makes us grow mentally and spiritually, but what we remember and put into practice."

The Sunday morning session of the conference filled the chapel to overflowing, as for that matter

COMING EVENTS

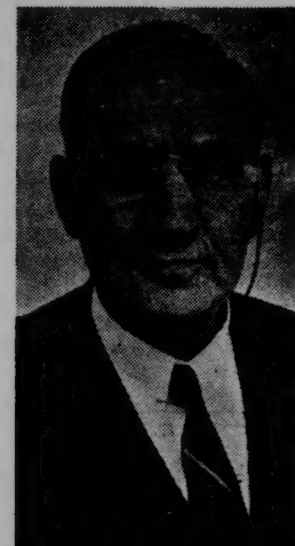
- Friday, March 8—Stake M Men Basketball party.
- Friday, March 15—Stake Green and Gold Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium Ballroom.
- Friday, March 22—Berkeley entertains Richmond, Claremont and Oakland; Napa entertains Martinez, Pittsburg and Vallejo.
- Friday, March 29—Claremont entertains Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland, Vallejo entertains Napa, Martinez and Pittsburg.
- Friday, April 5—Alameda entertains Hayward, Elmhurst, Maxwell Park and Dimond; Richmond entertains Berkeley, Claremont and Oakland.



Leo H. Crandall
High Councilman



Robert T. Payne



Richard R. Lyman

did the afternoon and evening sessions. The need for more adequate accommodations is becoming more and more pressing. First speaker Sunday morning was President Eugene Hilton, whose theme was the parable of the virgins. He pointed out that according to the Doctrine and Covenants this parable is to be fulfilled in the latter days, in which we are now living, and that it behooves the wise to be prepared and have their lamps filled with the oil of good works. The refusal of the five wise virgins in the original parable to share their oil with the five foolish ones was not selfishness, but rather a demonstration of the immutable law that each must stand on his own feet and cannot rely for salvation upon the good works of another.

Elder Robert Kest, just returned from the Dutch and the eastern states missions, then briefly addressed the congregation, his subject being the efficacy of prayer. He was followed by Bishop Rufus Phelps of Dimond ward, which holds the record in this State for the number of its missionaries. The aim of missionary work, he said, is the salvation of souls, but along with it the missionary himself reaps dividends in personal growth, and the ward from which he goes reaps dividends from this growth upon his return. Dimond ward has had four missionaries come back in the past seven months; they have contributed mightily to the spirituality of the ward and the high morale among its young people who have been imbued with the desire to fill missions.

President Robert T. Payne of the Stake mission was then called upon to render his report. The Stake mission in 1939 baptized 69 people and brought some fifty who had hitherto been inactive into renewed interest.

A highlight in the morning session was the fine address by Elder Elmo Smith on the campaign by tobacco interests to increase consumption of their product. He traced the changes in the methods of advertising since the first world war, and illustrated his talk with samples showing how insidiously the campaign had worked to popularize cigarettes among women; and now they are starting upon children, advertising in the form of comic strips inserted in funny papers of the big dailies, and in the form of candy replicas of cigaret packs, pipes and cigars. One offending newspaper which has been publishing objectionable advertising in its comic section

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he
will prepare the way before me; and the Lord
whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his
temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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D. U. P. CONVENTION

If the hungry, persecuted, and tired pioneers of the nineteenth century were to return, would they be happy that their struggles and sacrifices had not been in vain? Perhaps they would feel joy at being remembered and honored by such an active and energetic group who gathered on Friday, February 2, in the Berkeley chapel to receive instruction from Ida Kirkham, Kate Carter and Kate Snow of the Central Company, Salt Lake City.

Daughter Snow set the tempo of the meeting by telling of the Pioneer song book just compiled; patiently and surely the old songs have been gathered and recorded. She spoke of the friendliness of the Pioneer daughters, their co-operation in writing the biography of the pioneer who wasn't the "well known." Daughter Kirkham spoke of the different D.U.P. organizations throughout the nation and of the landmarks that are being erected in Pioneer honor. She told of the recent erection of a monument in San Diego county in appreciation of the Mormon battalion which arrived at this point near San Diego Friday, January 29, 1847. Daughter Kate Carter, who compiles the lessons on the pioneers studied by the groups throughout the whole organization, spoke of the lessons and urged all to send in any information that they might have about the early pioneers.

The second and third generation from the "Mormon Pioneers" to the extent of about 99 raised their voices in praise of the fortitude of their forefathers and came away from the convention more determined to preserve the story of those who gave their all.

Next meeting of the Berkeley Camp to be held at the home of Daughter Reid, 40 San Mateo Road.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 17, is the anniversary of the formation of the Relief Society; regular assignments will therefore be dispensed with, and in lieu thereof Relief Society conferences, with special programs, will be held.

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STAKE PRESIDENCY MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our constant endeavor to put first things first, we sometimes overlook some of the choice things of life because they are easily obtainable and tend to be commonplace. One of the most valuable hours of our week should be the one at the evening of each Sabbath day, which day has been "appointed unto you to rest from your labors and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High." Reference is made, of course, to the hour of sacrament meeting. We cannot urge too strongly that this sacred meeting be given its proper place in the plan of life and living of each Latter-day Saint. We are taught that of all the public meetings of the church, the sacrament meeting is of greatest importance.

It is the responsibility of the presiding officers to make this meeting one of spiritual feasting; that all who attend may be better equipped to meet the trials and temptations of the following week. Appropriate music will do much to put these meetings on a high, inspirational plane. If plans are made well in advance for each Sunday evening meeting, the possibilities of reaching the highest point of success will be greatly increased.

The responsibility for the success of the sacrament meetings does not rest solely with the presiding officers, however. All who attend should do so with a real desire to worship God and pay their devotions to Him. Indeed, they should offer unto Him a "broken heart and a contrite spirit," and, in doing so add to the spirit of the meeting generally. May we all take full advantage of these opportunities to "more fully keep ourselves unspotted from the sins of the world" is the hope of your brethren.

OAKLAND STAKE PRESIDENCY.
Eugene Hilton.
W. Glenn Harmon.
Clyde J. Summerhays.

WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE "The Standard of the Church"

The standards of the Church are the standards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The teachings of the Savior when He was on the earth in person and the teachings He has given to the world through the Prophets since His crucifixion and resurrection have established the standards of the Church. How nearly any person comes to living in accordance with these standards determines in large measure how deep-rooted are that person's convictions and understanding of the Gospel.

Church standards include strict honesty in all things—in our personal affairs, in our dealings with our fellowmen, in our thoughts and in our actions. Truth and honesty are synonymous. The truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot and do not condone any departure from the standards of honesty.

Under the standards of our Church anything short of sixteen ounces is not a pound; twelve inches are required for a foot and thirty-six inches for a yard.

Our moral standards demand strict chastity and personal purity. Impure thoughts and immoral acts are in direct conflict with Church standards. A true Latter-day Saint is clean in thought and action.

Our religious standards demand faith in a living God; belief in the Savior and in His divine mission; acceptance of Joseph Smith as a Prophet of God and his successors as prophets; respect for the Priesthood; respect for the commandments of the Lord and teachings of His servants; respect for the Sabbath Day; observance of the law of tithing; observance of the Word of Wisdom and loyalty to the Church, its institutions, and its leaders.

These standards form the code of living of true Latter-day Saints. The happiest, most satisfied, and most blessed people in all the world are those who live according to these standards, which never change. Being based upon truth, they cannot change.

(Taken from February Era, page 106. Note further the article, "A Guide to Word Teaching.")

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CLAREMONT'S NEWEST MISSIONARY



George F. Badowin

sen Bromley gave a reading and Reed Harker presented the missionary with a leatherbound diary.

George Badowin has wanted to go on a mission ever since he was converted at the age of 18. He leaves behind his wife, Ethel Badowin, and small daughter. He is the third missionary to leave from Claremont ward.

HIGH PRIESTS UNEARTH NEW TALENT

The annual dinner party of the High Priests of Oakland Stake, held the afternoon and evening of Washington's birthday, was an unqualified and enjoyable success. Aside from the very delicious dinner (served hot enough to satisfy the most epicurean taste), perhaps the outstanding event was the stellar performance of a surprise quartet whose talent has hitherto gone utterly unsuspected. When William Nielsen, master of ceremonies, had, impromptu, picked a group of known singers who rendered "Sweet Genevieve" in passable fashion, this unknown quartet voluntarily came to its feet and proceeded to wow the audience with its classic rendition of "Oh Johnnie, How You Can Love." The tremulous falsetto of J. Edward Johnson, the staccato bark of John Soelberg, the dragging heaviness of O. Leslie Stone, and the earthy quality of Reed Gardner's basso profundo, combined magnificently to give the song a weird flavor that Oh Johnnie himself must never before have suspected.

Following the dinner and the short program, those who could still move about enjoyed themselves in the dance. All in all, it was a most delightful evening.

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is the Oakland Tribune, and the speaker urged the sending of protests which would stop the pernicious practice.

Elder Lyman was the concluding speaker in the morning session, commenting upon the growth of the Stake, and making some very apt remarks upon the importance of the word of wisdom.

The business of the conference was attended to at the afternoon session. A new ward, to be known as Maxwell Park ward, was created and Elder Robert T. Payne was released as Stake mission president to become its new bishop. Elder Oscar Fontana was sustained to succeed Elder Payne as Mission president. The new ward lies between Dimond and Elmhurst and will comprise those who live between 35th and 73rd avenues. It will meet in the Masonic temple for the time being, its first meeting to be held on March 10.

Elder Ralph Barney, youngest member of the High Council, was released, he having been offered the managership of the Gates Rubber Company in Salt Lake City, which necessitates his moving from the Stake. In Elder Barney's place, Elder Leo H. Crandall, former bishop of Alameda ward, was sustained as a high council-

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man. John T. Latimer was released as work director to become manager of the State warehouse, and Elder Harry Fletcher was sustained as the new work director.

Following the transaction of business, President Clyde Summerhays and Patriarchs William E. Potts and I. B. Ball were the speakers. Elder Summerhays' theme was "count your blessings" with emphasis on the danger of forgetfulness in prosperity; Elder Potts forcefully pointed out that exaltation is not a thing of the hereafter but begins here and now; Elder Ball spoke of the doubts created in the minds of the students of science, and urged the young students not to overlook the great mass of testimony for the truth of Mormonism.

Elder Lyman was the concluding speaker; he reviewed the condition of the Stake as evidenced by its report, pointing out the need for improvement in various matters, particularly in attendance at sacrament meetings and in fast offerings. Many people, he said, seem to have a wrong conception of the purpose of sacrament meeting; they come to be entertained or for the purpose of getting information and are disappointed if these objectives are not realized. They

do not realize that the real purpose of attending these meetings is to *worship*; it is there that we should approach the nearest to our Heavenly Father.

Sunday evening, Elmhurst ward members were requested to meet in their own chapel for the purpose of reorganizing the bishopric. This was occasioned by reason of Bishop MacFarlane's daily work calling him out of the Stake for a considerable portion of the time. At this meeting Elder MacFarlane was released with a vote of thanks for his long and faithful services over the past eight years; and his first counselor, Dr. Milton P. Ream was sustained and ordained as the new bishop. Elder L. Movell Day was sustained as first counselor and Elder Glenn E. Smith as ward clerk.

Absence of Elmhurst ward members did not seem to diminish the attendance at the M.I.A. session of the conference Sunday evening, for the chapel was filled to overflowing. A delightful program of music and readings was rendered, followed by an address from Elder Lyman on the subject, "Courtship."

RELIEF SOCIETY NOTES

The sewing room at our Stake Welfare House is nearing completion. With linoleum on the floor, commodious cupboards, and large tables, it looks as though our quarters will be in fine shape for work with the beginning of the summer months.

We are happy to note the response to last month's call for used clothing. Many boxes of such things are coming in from all over the Stake and most of the material is worked over into splendid shape. Even the rags are properly sorted and labeled. Thanks!!!

Ruby Addis, Stake secretary, reports some encouraging figures on last year's achievement as to enrollment from 496 members in 1938 we now have 581. However, the average attendance shows a slight decrease, i.e., 213 per meeting during 1938 and 206 during 1939. This gives each of us a chance to help increase average attendance in our own ward at each meeting, where the really fine work of R.S. is done.

VANBALL TOURNAMENT UNDER WAY

Plans for the first annual Oakland Stake vanball tournament are well under way and the date of March 14 has been set for the first night of play. Teams already entered in the league include Claremont, Dimond, Elmhurst and Berkeley. Entries should be made with Reed Smith, 3134 Eton, Stake vanball chairman, by March 5. At the close of a double round the Stake winner will be awarded a banner for their achievement. Further details will be announced later or information may be had from any member of the State Scout-Explorer committee.

Plans are also under way for an Explorer Trek to some historical points of interest in our state. Robert Johnson and Russell Ball are working on the details and more will be announced later as to the time and place of this trek.

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VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

The speakers for sacrament meeting January 21 were Victor Linblad of the High Council and Bishop Shields.

Scout Troop No. 19, under the direction of Walter Bolander, presented the Sunday evening service program Sunday, February 4.

The primary teachers' training meeting was held February 2 at the home of Mary Eckberg, with Bishop Cheshire, Henry Neerings and Miles Johnson visiting. A Valentine party and refreshments were enjoyed after the meeting.

A lovely Valentine dance was given by the Mutual February 10 in the ward hall.

Relief Society visiting teachers' training meeting was held February 12 at Pearl Fowles' home. After the interesting lesson given by Sarah Standley, a social hour was spent in the form of a handkerchief shower for Irene Miller, a former member who has moved away.

A Valentine party was enjoyed by the primary children February 13. Chocolate valentines were presented to the children and a lovely time was had by all.

Under the direction of Wm. J. Nielsen of the High Council and Robert T. Payne of the Stake Missionaries, Vallejo ward conference was held Sunday, February 18, with Sunday school and evening services being well attended.

Baptism, Vallejo: Amy Darlene Hooper by Glen Whitmore.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

Honoring Mrs. Jessie Bradison, past president of the Relief society and her counselors, Mrs. L. J. Aikens, Mrs. Claude Brown and Secretary Mrs. Jessie Pearson, the ward gave a very nice program with refreshments and dancing following. The honored guests were presented with gifts of remembrance of their service.

Ward conference was held Sunday, February 18. Reports were given by all auxiliary organization presidents on "To what extent is my organization functioning 100 per cent in building true

Latter-day Saint lives?" Mr. Victor Lindblad was the representative of the Stake High Council.

Miss Catherine Hopkins has been chosen as Richmond ward queen for the Gold and Green Ball.

For our M.I.A. assembly program February 20, Miss Dorothy Brown directed an unusual program, "Music and Dances of the World." Those participating were: Donna Haddock, Vivian Travis, Dorothy Brown, Shirley Dewsnup, Dan Sauri, Melvin Smith, Elaine Robertson. Those countries represented were: Italy, Germany, Ireland, Great Britain, Mexico, India, Hawaii and America.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gealta were Sunday School Stake board visitors on February 18.

A Daughter of Pioneers camp has been started in Richmond ward with Mrs. Virgie Stanger, president; Mrs. Mary Phelps and Mrs. Sylvia Beasley as captains, and Mrs. Sylvia Aikens as secretary. This is the first camp in Contra Costa County.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

The officers and teachers of the Claremont Sunday school held a party Saturday night, February 17, at the home of Carl Bromley, the new superintendent. The purpose of the party was to introduce the new teachers and to set them apart. All members of the Bishopric were present. The teachers to be set apart were: Gordon Jones, Royal Chase, Mary Wadsworth, Roberta Millward, Dorothy Perry, Norma Bickmore, Helen Burdett and Faye Christiansen Bromley. After a short meeting, "Rhythm" was played, with refreshments following.

The sympathy and love of Claremont ward go to Mrs. H. F. Clark at the passing of her husband, Harry Franklin Clark. With Mrs. Clark is her three daughters, Ruth, Roberta and Doris. The son, Roy Clark, is married and not at home. Services for Mr. Clark were held Tuesday, February 20, at Berg's undertaking parlor. Bishop Reed Chase officiated. Mr. Clark had been ill for some time.

Max R. Christiansen, brother of Faye Christiansen Bromley, spent a few days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bromley.

Sunday school conference was held February 18. The representative of the High Council was Wayne E. Mayhew.

At the request of the Stake authorities, the officers and teachers of all organizations held a meeting with a Stake authority February 18. At ward conference Wayne Mayhew was the High Council representative and the music was presented by a vocal solo by Annabelle Hart with

a violin obligato by Mrs. Speed, accompanied by Eloise King.

Irene Millward was in Grantsville, Utah, a month visiting with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wrathall.

A valentine party was held February 10 for the Relief society at the home of Hazel Butcher. Lenore Woods and Hazel were hostesses.

Mrs. Telford, mother of Miriam Ellsworth and ira Telford, is here visiting with both families.

Royal Chase is the Sunday school's new librarian.

February 18, at the home of Stanley and Maureen Carr, the Family Relations group met. Maureen Carr, Ellen Carr and Hazel Butcher were the hostesses. Annette Wood was the instructor.

The next Relief Society contribution party will be held in March and Lorna Birchell and Maureen Carr are to be hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Gleason announced the marriage of their daughter, Mary Gleason, to Mr. C. Theodore Raine. It was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gleason, Saturday, March 2. Bishop Chase performed the ceremony.

The organization of a new committee for the Gospel Doctrine class took place February 18, at Sunday school. The committee is as follows: Geneva Hess, Frank Blare, Clare Gleason and Joe Woods.

The Relief Society president, Lenore Woods, wishes to thank Druzella Stout for her work as her second counselor. Mrs. Stout has been released and Hazel Butcher is to be second counselor, and released from her job as secretary. Jennie Wolf is to be the new secretary.

The party held February 13 was a success. It was to celebrate Valentine day.

February 10 the primary held a Valentine party. The children put on a program and it was followed by games and light refreshments.

Mrs. Telford, primary superintendent, has a new first counselor, Mrs. Velma Duran. Her second counselor has not been chosen.

Mrs. Geneve Hess of the primary Stake board has been teaching the Sea Gull class as a substitute teacher.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

Richard Nelson, Y.M.M.I.A., counselor, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Crockett, are entertaining their mother from Richmond, Utah, who has come to California for a brief visit.

Hayward ward regrets the passing of Mrs. Sarah Moody, who died recently of a lingering illness.

Ten members of the ward Melchizedek priesthood worked January 13 in the welfare building. They will go again February 3.

Two meetings of the Fireside group have been held since its initial meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Terry.

Sincere interest has been shown by the group in their study of the Book of Mormon, the topic chosen the first Sunday evening.

Twenty-four were present at that meeting and since, at the homes of Madge Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. Ross McClellan, the attendance has been equally good.

Officers chosen to head the organization are: Glenn Terry, president; Madge Christensen, vice-

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Eugene Hanford and family, formerly of San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, have made Hayward their new home.

Mrs. Thomas Auger and Mrs. Glenn Terry were hostesses to the Family Relations group Friday, January 12. A chorus of Singing Mothers has been started by the study class.

Maurice MacFadden was set apart as the new ward clerk early in January by Stake President Eugene Hilton and Counselor Clyde Summerhays.

The bishopric regrets that occupational duties forced the resignation of Donald MacAllister as ward clerk. They wish to pay tribute to his faithfulness and extend thanks for a job well done.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

Mrs. Eva Bennett, former president of the Relief society, passed away at her home, 4112 Manila avenue, February 14. Funeral services were held in the chapel Saturday, February 17. The body was taken to Utah for burial.

The High Priest Quorum Presidency and their wives, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wood, visited Patriarch Wm. Potts and wife at their Walnut Creek home, Wednesday, Feb. 14. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vinal Moss February 15.

Mr. Eddy Miller was a visitor at our Sunday school Sunday, February 18. Eddy is stationed at Mare Island in the medical corps.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burgman has been appointed secretary of the senior genealogical society.

The Relief society gave a dinner and program in honor of Mrs. Harry Fletcher, who is moving to the Elmhurst ward in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bagley have recently moved to the Elmhurst ward.

Mrs. Mary Jones has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks with pneumonia. She is improving slowly.

The primary is giving a kitchen shower in honor of Mrs. Anna Beckett, who is moving to her new home in Richmond in the near future.

The ward held its annual conference Sunday night, February 18. Nathan Tollman, representing the Stake Presidency and High Council, was the main speaker.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

Meredith Wilson was the speaker at the M.I.A. conjoint held Sunday night, February 4. His text, "He who saves his life shall lose it, but he who loses his life for My sake shall find it," was fittingly applied to the lives of the great national characters whose birthdays we celebrate this month. Other numbers on the program were two saxophone solos by Seth Lloyd, two vocal duets by Jane Lee and Margaret Jacobson, and readings by Margaret Ashton.

The primary officers and teachers met in the lounge on Friday afternoon, February 16, in a business meeting and social. Plans for the annual Spring Festival were discussed. Refreshments were served.

An interesting event of the month was the "Era Party" given in honor of the successful Era drive by the M.I.A. officers. A one-act play was presented, which was followed by dancing and refreshments.

Berkeley Erickson was the speaker at the Deseret club meeting February 11. Boy Scout troop actively celebrated Boy Scout

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week. On Thursday night, February 8, they met in a boys' and dads' night to listen to the Scout rededication program which was broadcast. Following the broadcast games were played under the direction of Scoutmaster Dr. Knight and Assistant Scoutmaster La Varn Thomas. Refreshments were served by the troop committeemen.

On Friday and Saturday nights the troop participated in the merit badge exhibit. They exhibited the merit badge on weather.

Berkeley ward conference was held Sunday, February 18. At the morning session reports were given on the primary by Supt. Lyle J. Coombs, and of the Sunday school by Supt. George Hughes. At the evening session reports were given by Myrl Coltrin, president of the Relief Society; Bill Shea for the Y.M.M.I.A.; Mrs. Delbert Rock for the Y.L.M.I.A.; Marian Redford for the Deseret Club, and Phil Bean for Lambda Delta Sigma. Elder Claude Dewsnup of the State High Council was the speaker of the evening. Special musical numbers given under the direction of Choir Leader Seth Lloyd were a vocal solo by Gail Faul and numbers, "Prayer Song" and "Hear Oh Ye Heavens" by the choir. This last number was written by Alfred Durham, father of Phyllis Durham Farr, wife of our new bishop, Jess Farr.

Following the release of Mrs. Hannah Richards as Relief Society president, the following reorganization was effected: Myrl Coltrin, president; Ruth Abersold, first counselor; Rosabel H. Ashton, second counselor, and Neva Hill, secretary. Bishop Jess Farr performed the marriage ceremony of Thelma Evans and Phillip Max Bernhardt, February 16, in the chapel. A reception followed in the lounge for the families and immediate friends of the bride and groom.

On Saturday night, February 17, Bishop Farr officiated in the marriage ceremony of Helen Scott and Melvin Barklow at the Claremont club. Helen is now a member of Oakland ward but for many years was a member of Berkeley ward.

On Friday night, February 9, a regular budget dance was given in the recreation hall. Berkeley was host to Oakland, Claremont and Richmond wards.

Mrs. Bernel Nelson of Stockton is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Parsons of Berkeley.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

A party and shower was given Friday evening, February 24, in the recreational hall for Alice Lauper, who is leaving shortly to fulfill a mission. About seventy people participated in the fun that had been planned by Elaine Kimball, Dorothy Kilner and Caroline Weindorf. Besides the

good wishes, Alice was showered with many lovely and useful gifts.

Jack Fitzpatrick with his wife and children just returned from Southern Utah, where they went to visit Jack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fitzpatrick.

As a climax to the birthday penny drive, the children were delighted with a huge popcorn birthday cake nearly three feet high, the beautiful decorations being topped with an immense candle which was allowed to burn during the entire service, after which each child was generously served. While the birthday drive fell short of last year's donations, the officers felt it was successful, as it topped the Stake.

The selected queen to represent Dimond at this year's Green and Gold Ball is Joy Rogers.

The Abigail Dailey camp of Daughters of the Utah Pioneers held its February meeting at the home of its eldest member, Daughter Pamela Bassett.

The regular monthly meeting of the primary officers and teachers was held at the home of Nita Van Noy, Wednesday, February 28; Hazel Allen gave the teacher training lesson and Evangeline Peddler gave a demonstration on supplementary material. Plans are going forward for the annual Spring Festival.

A beautiful reception was given Saturday evening, February 10, for the newlyweds, Clarence Boothe and Naomi Kest, by the bridegroom's parents at their home on Thirty-fifth avenue. More than two hundred friends and relatives called during the evening, showering the young couple with gifts and good wishes.

Robert Kest is being welcomed home from a mission to the Netherlands; his official welcome will be given in connection with the farewell party for Alice Lauper on March 1st.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

Mrs. Audie Johnson and Mrs. Roberta Storey entertained the ladies of the Relief Society at the building fund birthday party, at the home of Mrs. Johnson, January 26.

On January 29 the ladies of the Relief Society gave Mrs. Audie Johnson a surprise birthday party and handkerchief shower at her home. There were twenty-four present.

The elders presented the program at sacrament meeting January 28. Gilbert Roskelley and Leslie Korth were speakers.

A very fine scout program was presented February 4 under direction of Kenneth Skidmore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cullum presented the program for sacrament meeting February 11. Mr. and Mrs. Cullum were speakers and musical

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numbers were given by Beverly and Arline Callahan and Mrs. Florence Robison.

Several members of the Sunday School Stake board were visitors at our Sunday school February 11.

Ward conference was held February 18. Ralph Barney of the Stake High Council and Bishop Crandall were visitors.

Mrs. Wanda Roskelley and Mrs. Valentine Dahlin entertained February 15 at a Relief Society birthday party. "Shadows" of the past year were revealed and new names drawn. There were 38 present.

Miss Opal Nicholas of Willard, Utah, was a recent visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Roberta Story, in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mosby of Kemmerer, Wyo., are spending some time in Martinez with Mrs. Mosby's mother, Mrs. Maria Easton, and family.

Peter Lott died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marion Wanlass, of Rodeo, Jan. 30. His body was taken to Utah for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wanlass accompanied the body back to Utah, where they remained for a week.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

The Elmhurst ward conference was held in the Elmhurst chapel Sunday, February 18. The special visitor from the Stake for the day was President W. Glenn Harmon. The reports given by the heads of organizations and by the bishopric and ward clerk showed the ward to be progressing. The officers and teachers received encouragement and inspiration from the testimonies of other officers and the remarks of President W. Glenn Harmon.

Miss Helene Brummett was guest of honor recently at a pre-nuptial shower which was held at the home of the hostess, Mrs. Lydia Pearson. The bride-to-be received many beautiful gifts to help build her trousseau.

On the evening of Friday, February 16, the ward held a Building Fund dinner and dance in the recreational hall. The excellent dinner, served to about 150 members of the ward, was under the direction of the Relief Society. A good orchestra furnished the music for the dance and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Mrs. Gertrude Wood recently returned from a visit to friends and relatives in the southern part of the state.

The Junior Girls of the M.I.A., under the direction of the drama leader, Barbara Martin, produced the one-act play, "Star Struck," Tuesday evening, February 20. The play was a farce-comedy, and a large audience was in attendance.

Mr. A. Gifford Jackson, who has been in Washington, D. C., for the past seven years, has returned to Oakland. His wife, who is now visiting in Toronto, Canada, will join him soon.

Sixteen friends of Helen Gaisford met at the home of Ruth Hopkins on the Monday evening preceding Miss Gaisford's wedding. The occasion was a shower in honor of the bride-to-be, who received many lovely gifts. Mrs. Lucille Brown was joint hostess with Miss Hopkins for the event.

In observance of Scout Sunday, Troop 44 presented a splendid program on Sunday evening, February 11. As principal speaker, we were honored with the presence of Mr. LeRoy K. Hamman, president of Oakland Area Council, who gave an interesting talk on the ideals of scouting.

Mrs. Jennie Flaner was recently called back to Ogden, Utah, by the death of her mother. She was accompanied on her trip by her son Elton.

In the beautifully decorated chapel of the Elmhurst ward, on Washington's birthday, February 22, Miss Helen Lucille Gaisford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gaisford, became the bride of Thomas Gerald Noble. The ceremony was per-

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pugmire, Jr., Hayward, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joseph Hallman, Oakland, a daughter, January 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Joseph Baer, Oakland, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vinal Moss, Oakland, a son, February 15.

BLESSINGS:

Gary Aston Lundell, Richmond.

Carl David Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook, Martinez.

Jeanette Nancy Hallman, Oakland.

Linda Lee Baer, Oakland.

Barbra Jean King, Oakland.

Charlotte Viola King, Oakland.

Owen Meredith Wilson, Jr., Berkeley.

Donald Ingham Beukers, Berkeley.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Amy Darlene Hooper, Vallejo.

Duane Eugene Foster, Richmond.

Rodney Francis Foster, Richmond.

Joseph Fereluis Seavey, Berkeley.

Frances Fereluis Seavey, Berkeley.

ORDINATIONS:

Ted Willis, Hayward, teacher.

Floyd Loomis, Hayward, teacher.

James Muir, Jr., Elmhurst, teacher.

Robert Murphy, Elmhurst, deacon.

Sidney Cox, Elmhurst, teacher.

Edward Devere Cullum, Martinez, priest.

George Robert Barber, Martinez, priest.

Shirley F. Larson, Oakland, elder.

Harlan Larson, Oakland, teacher.

Russell H. Ball, Berkeley, elder.

Oliver H. Fullmer, Berkeley, elder.

Frances J. Parsons, Jr., Berkeley, priest.

Archie Clyde Hill, Berkeley, priest.

Richard Reid, Berkeley, teacher.

Forest Ream, Berkeley, teacher.

Marion H. Johnson, Berkeley, teacher.

Dale Barlow, Berkeley, teacher.

George W. Hickman, Jr., Berkeley, teacher.

Lawrence Stout, Berkeley, teacher.

Richard Hickman, Berkeley, teacher.

Robert T. Payne, Maxwell Park, high priest and bishop, by Richard R. Lyman.

Paul J. Hallman, Oakland, high priest, by Richard R. Lyman.

Alma D. Hill, Seventy, by Richard R. Lyman.

Clarence C. Lewis, Seventy, by Richard R. Lyman.

MARRIAGES:

Helen Lucille Gaisford and Thomas Gerald Noble, Elmhurst, February 22, at Oakland.

Mary Gleason and C. Theodore Raine, Claremont, March 2, at Oakland.

Thelma Evans and Phillip Max Bernhardt, Berkeley, February 16, at Berkeley.

Helen Scott and Melvin Barklow, Berkeley, February 17, at Berkeley.

Lenore Hodgson and Roy Barney Bartell, January 14, by Eugene Hilton.

Marie Agnes Prosser and Merman C. Fredrickson, January 30, by Eugene Hilton.

DEATHS:

Peter Lott, Rodeo, January 30.

Mrs. Eva Bennett, Oakland, February 14.

formed by Dr. Milton P. Ream. Following the wedding a reception was held in the recreation hall. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Noble wish them every joy and happiness. The young couple will make their home in East Oakland.

A special testimony meeting was held by the ward in the chapel Sunday afternoon, February 11. This special faith-promoting session was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

A Fireside class for the young people of the ward between the ages of 18 and 24 has been organized, and is under the leadership of Mrs. Lyle Marchant and W. Smoot Brimhall. The class meets after the regular sacrament services on Sunday night, and discusses questions and problems pertaining to the Gospel.

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